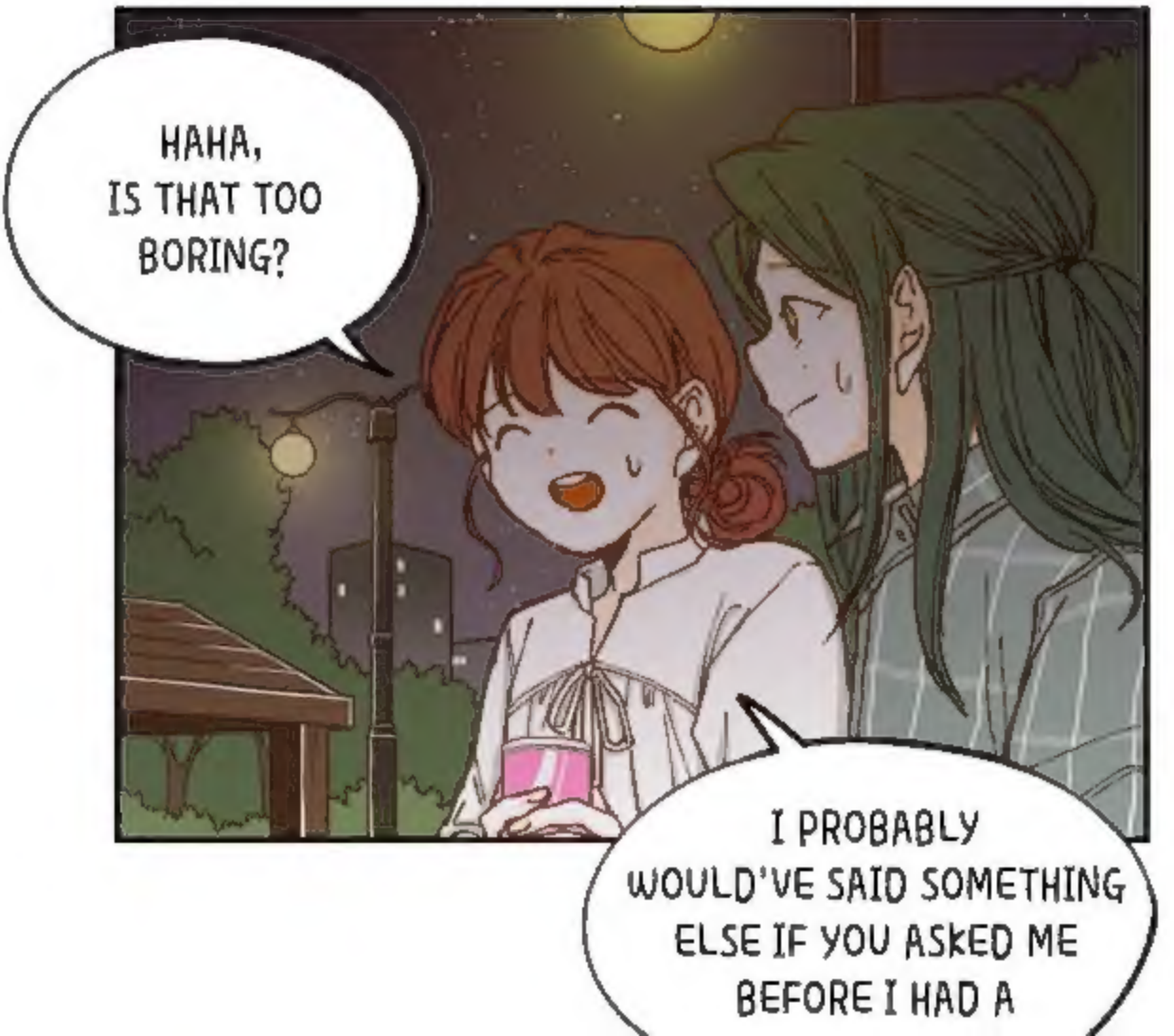
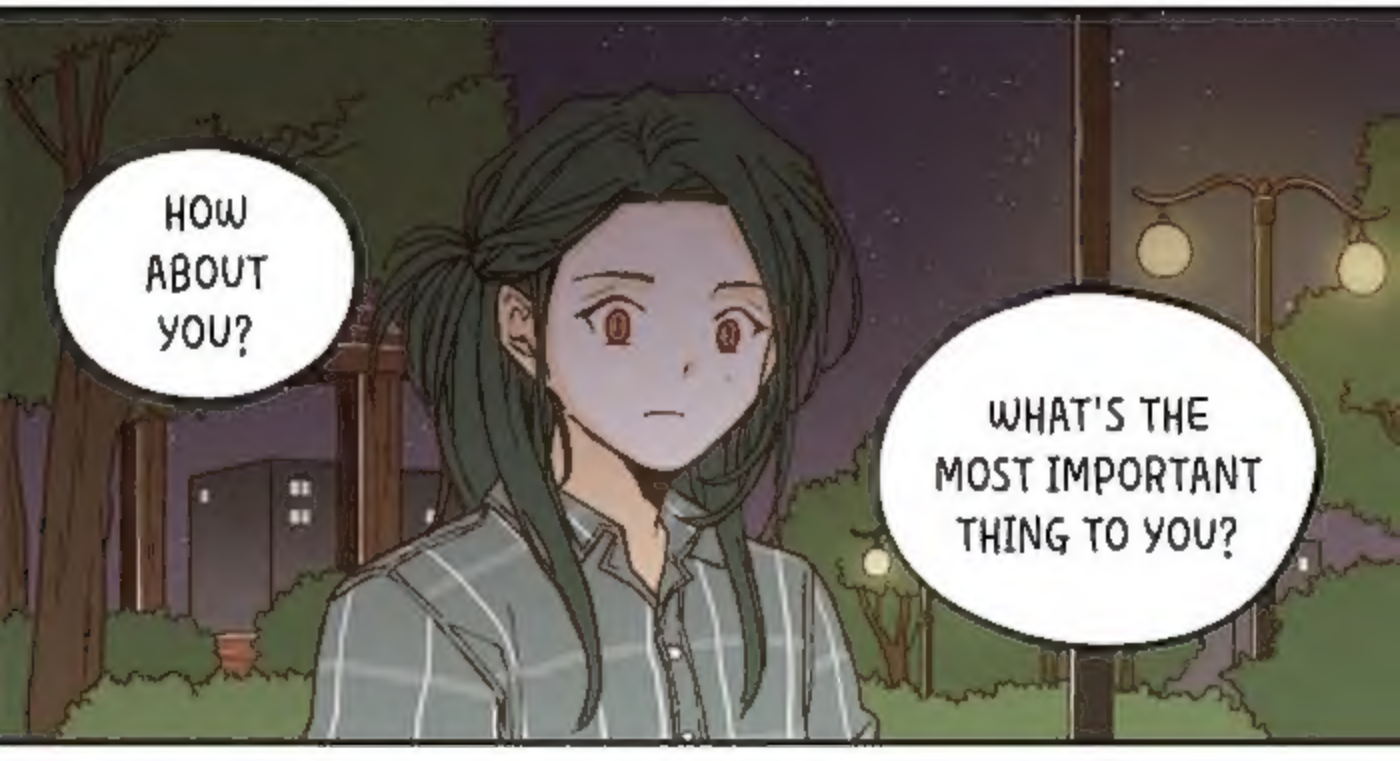
SOMETHING...
...THAT I VALUE THE MOST?

UM, WELL, FOR NOW... I GUESS IT'S MY CAREER?
HMM...


HAHA,
IS THAT TOO
BORING?
I PROBABLY
WOULD'VE SAID SOMETHING
ELSE IF YOU ASKED ME
BEFORE I HAD A

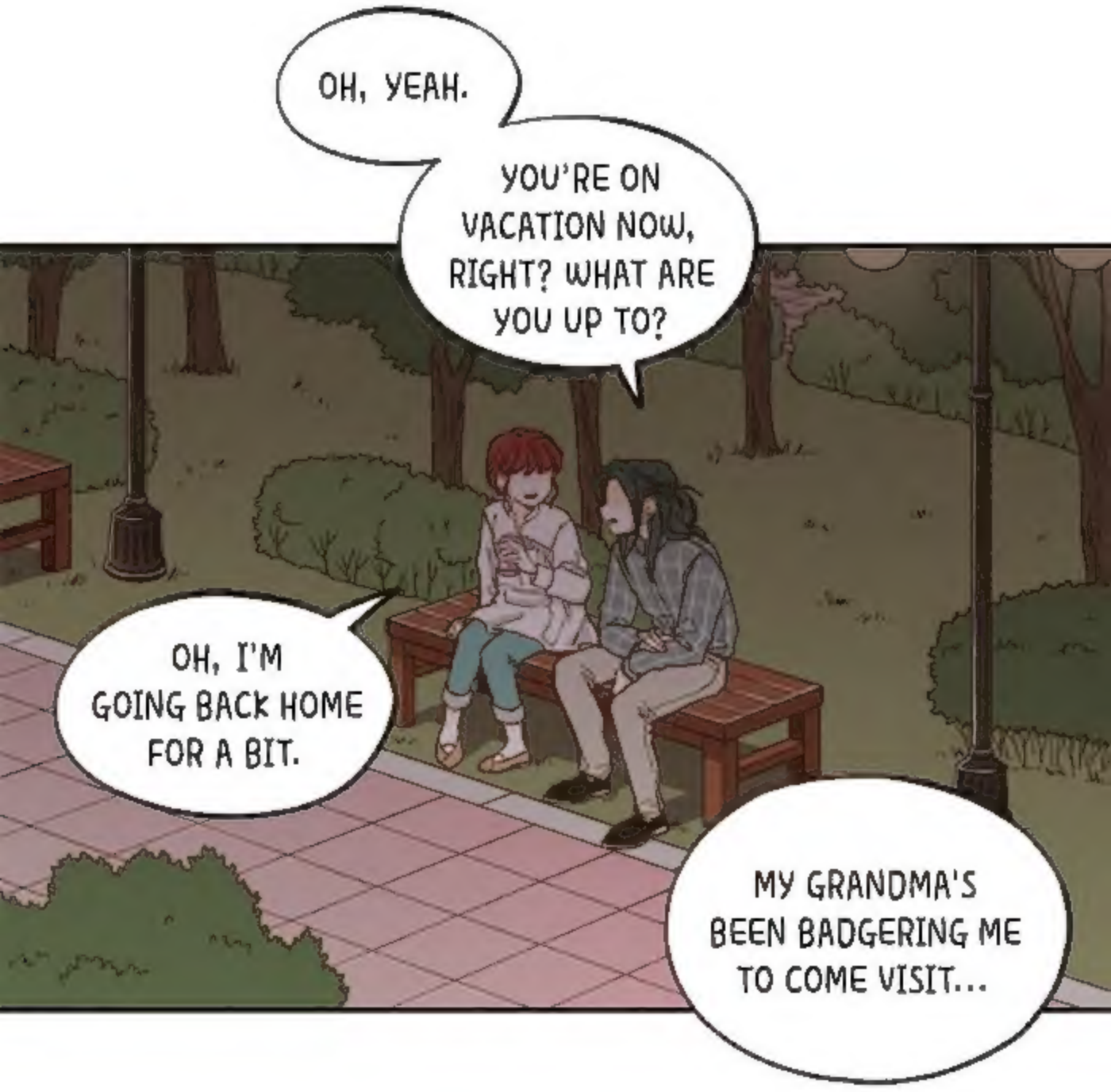
JOB.


HOW ABOUT YOU?
WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO YOU?

FOR ME...?
WELL, I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT EXAM COMING UP.

THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW.

AN EXAM? OH MY GOSH, I HOPE I'M NOT TAKING UP ALL OF YOUR TIME!
NAH, IT'S ALRIGHT. I NEED TO TAKE A BREAK EVERY NOW AND THEN.


OH, YEAH.
YOU'RE ON VACATION NOW, RIGHT? WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
OH, I'M GOING BACK HOME FOR A BIT.
MY GRANDMA'S BEEN BADGERING ME TO COME VISIT...

BY HOME, DO YOU MEAN BUSAN?
...YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO HEAD DOWN THERE. HOW ABOUT I COME WITH YOU?
REALLY? THAT'D BE GREAT!
BUT WOULD IT BE OKAY TO GO WITH YOUR IMPORTANT EXAM COMING UP?

AN ASSIGNMENT? LIKE A RESEARCH PAPER OR SOMETHING?
WELL, I JUST HAVE TO SUBMIT AN ASSIGNMENT FOR THE EXAM, SO IT'LL BE GOOD FOR ME TO HAVE

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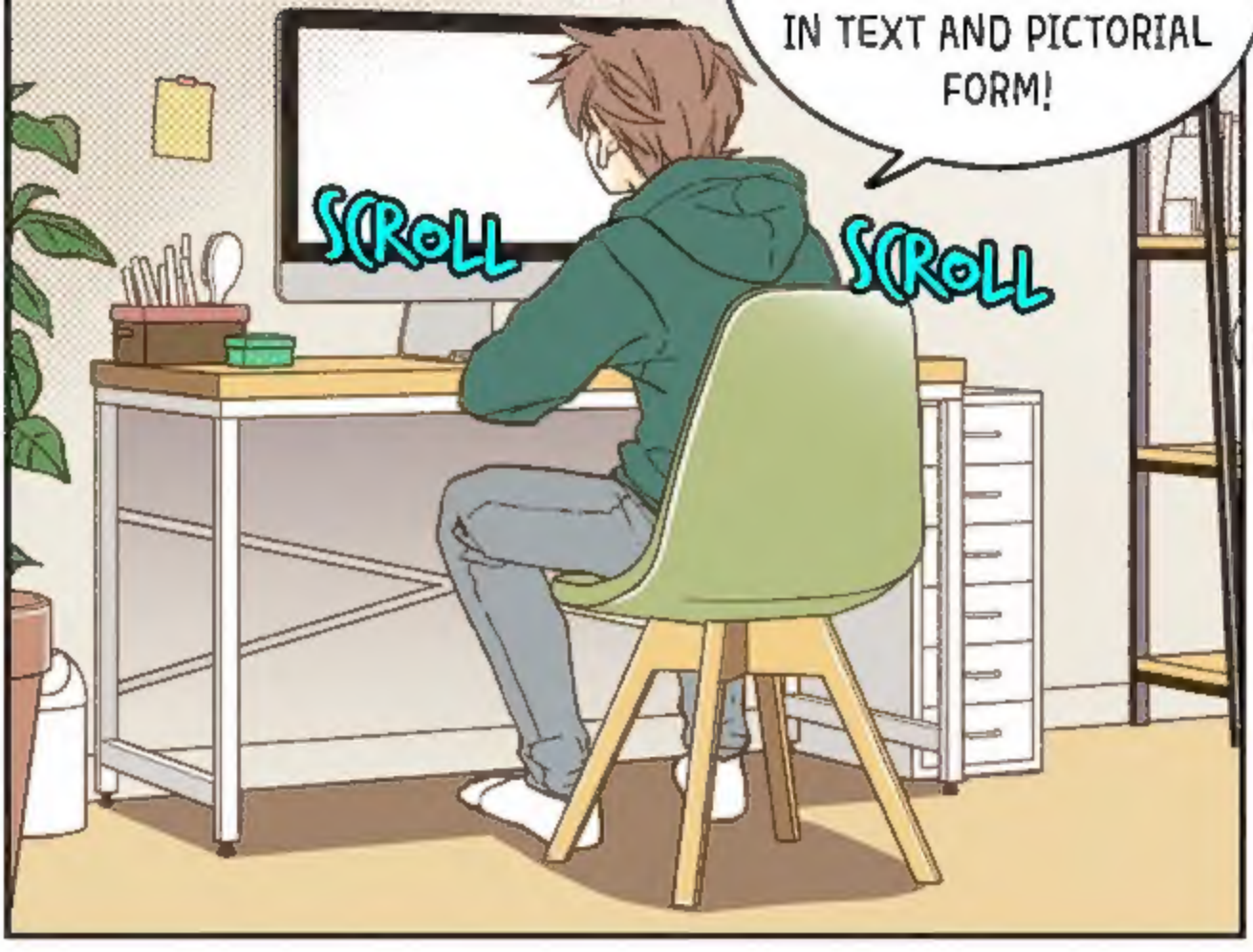
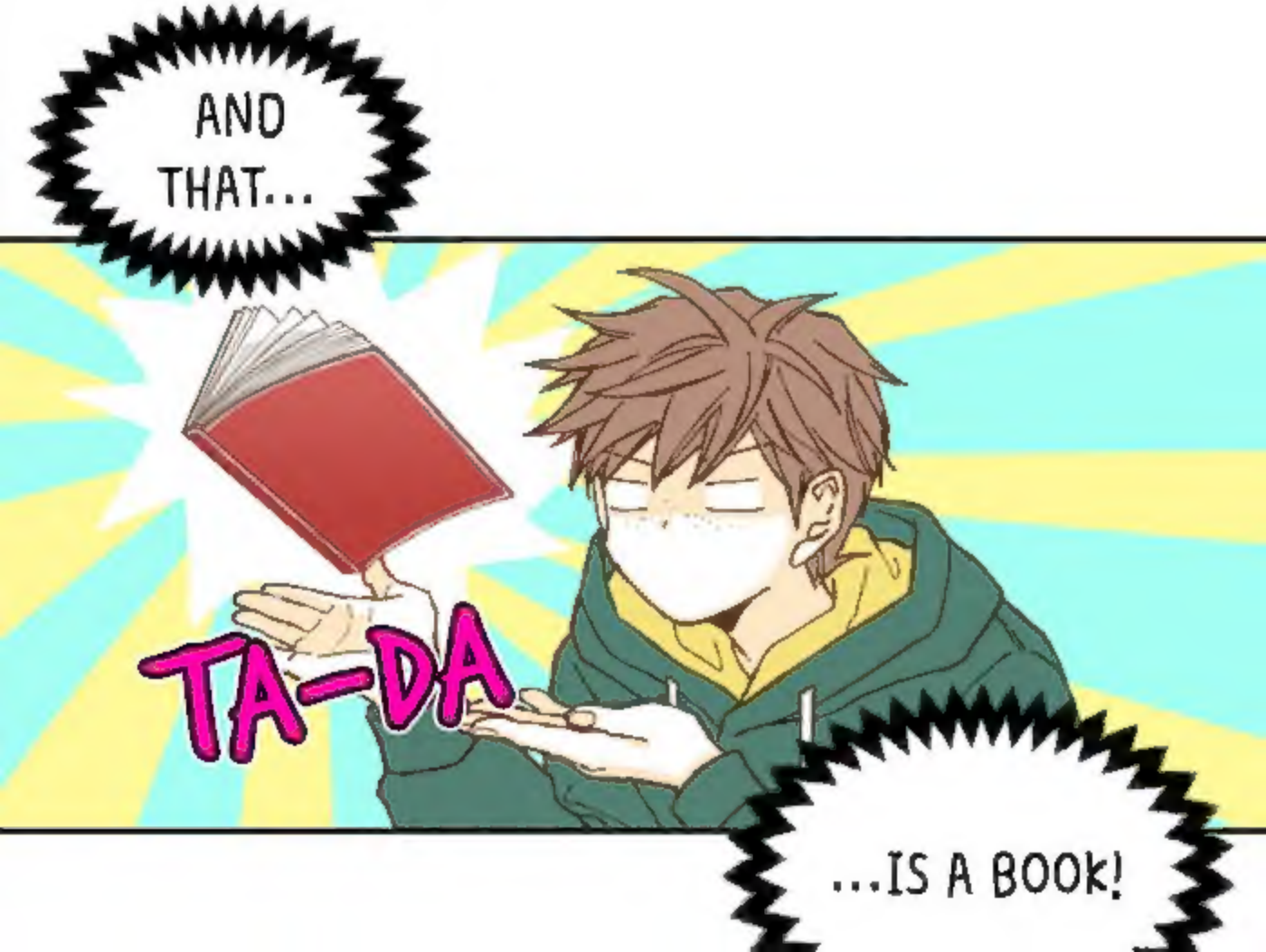
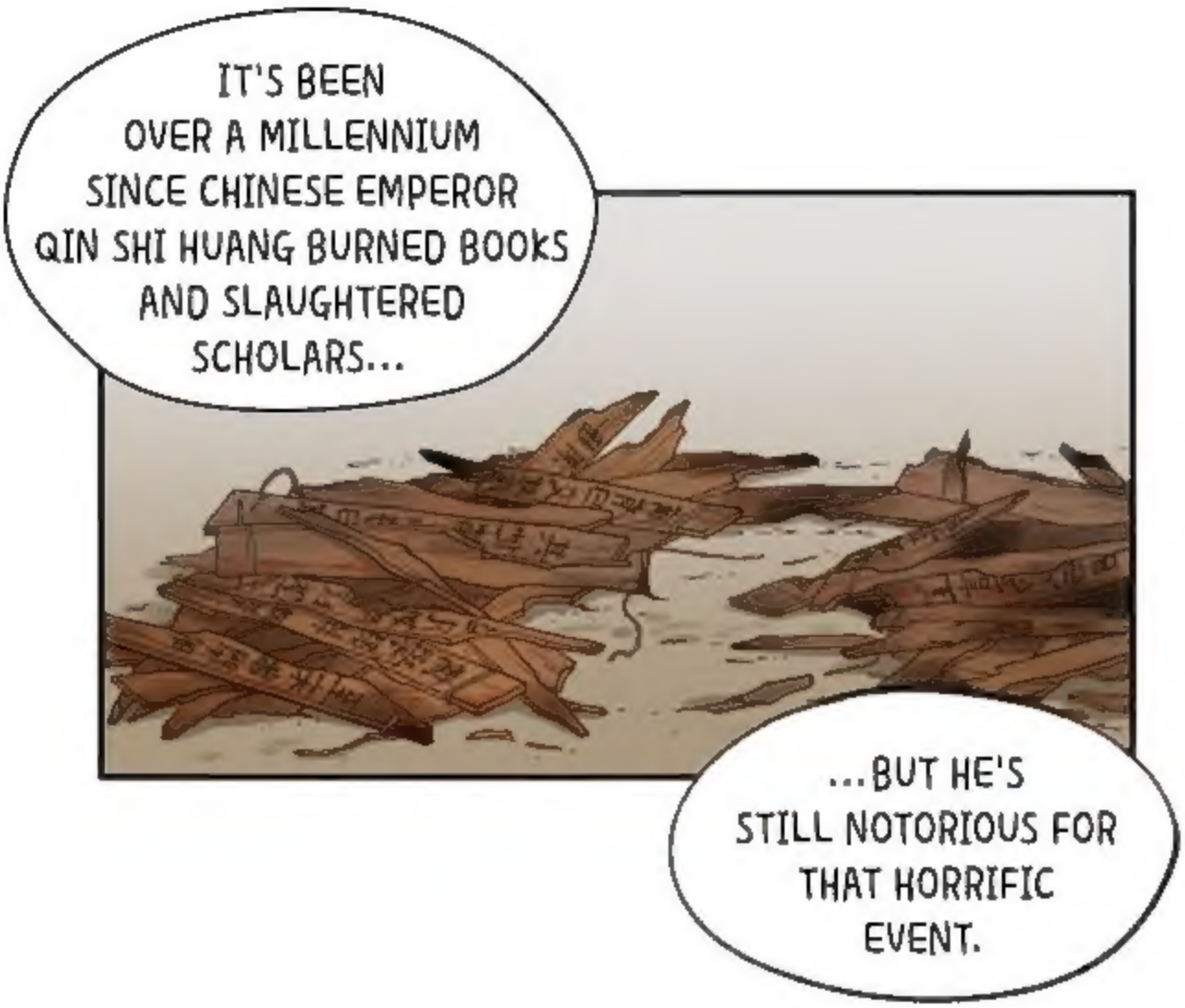
A RESEARCH PAPER?
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

WHAT IS MOST VALUABLE TO THE HUMAN RACE?
AN OBJECT THAT HAS COLLECTED KNOWLEDGE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS

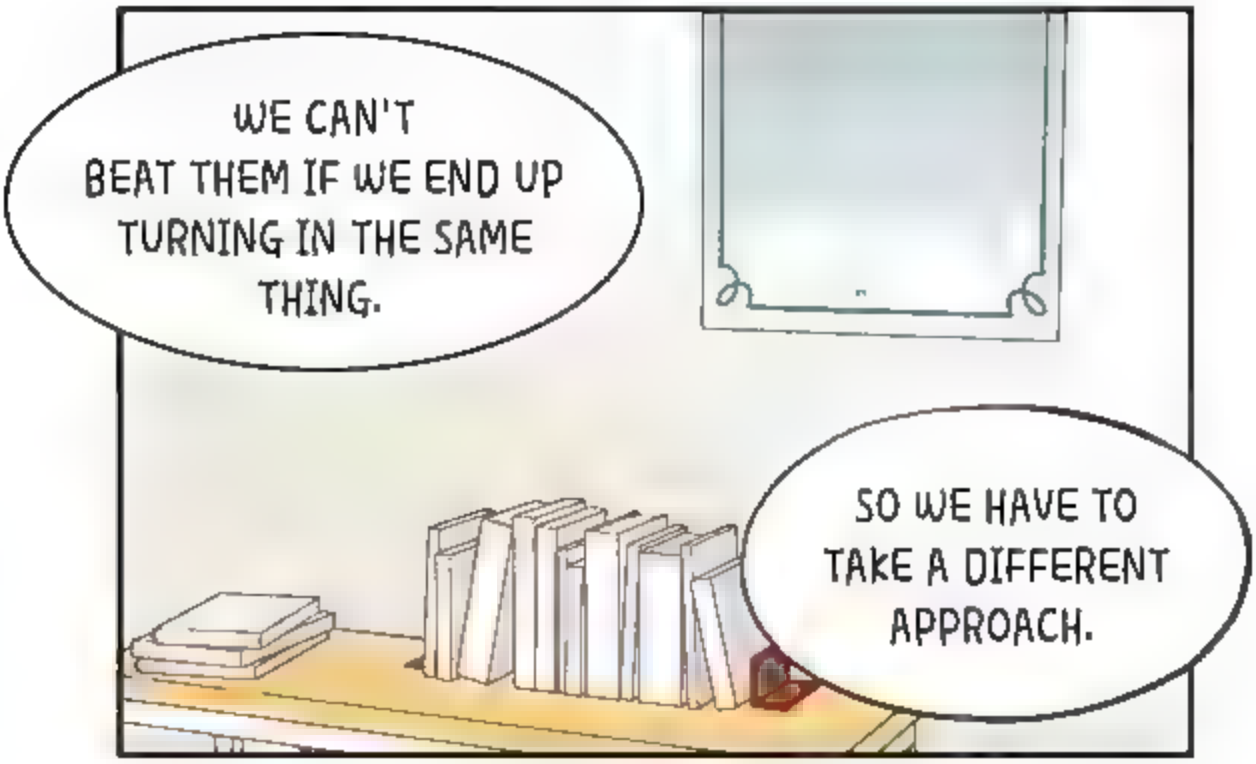

IN TEXT AND PICTORIAL FORM!
SCROLL
SCROLL

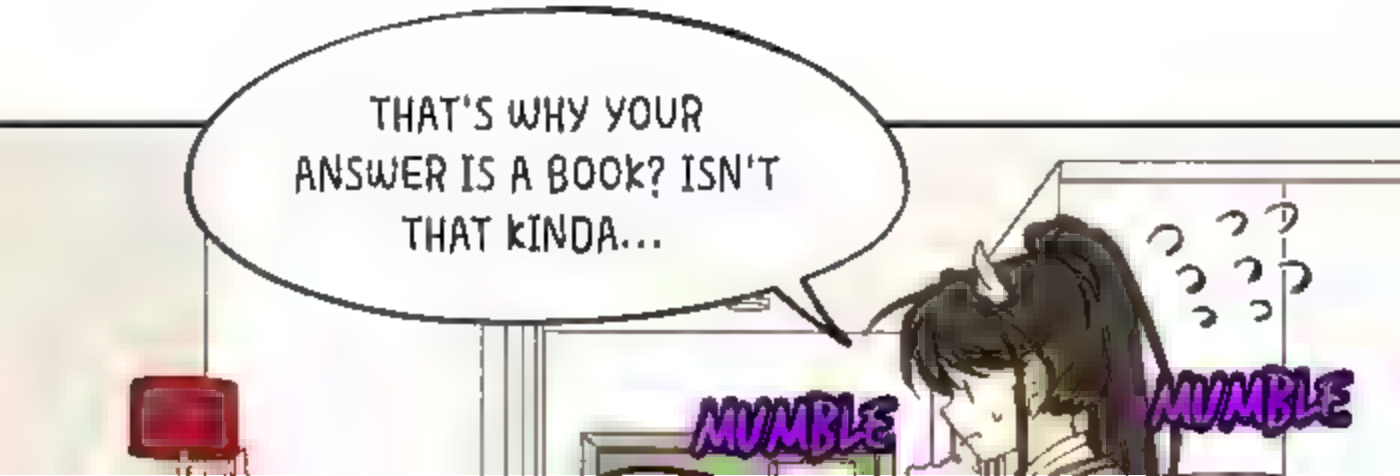

AND THAT...
TA-DA
...IS A BOOK!


IT'S BEEN OVER A MILLENNIUM SINCE CHINESE EMPEROR QIN SHI HUANG BURNED BOOKS AND SLAUGHTERED SCHOLARS...
...BUT HE'S STILL NOTORIOUS FOR THAT HORRIFIC EVENT.

WELL, THAT WAS UNEXPECTED.
WHAT?
YOU'RE RIGHT. TO BE HONEST, MONEY IS THE BEST.

SCROLL
SCROLL
I WAS PRETTY SURE YOUR ANSWER WOULD BE MONEY.
...HUH?
MY HEART IS CRYING OUT FOR IT
THEN WHY'D YOU SAY BOOKS?
DUDE, THINK ABOUT IT. SHE TOLD YOU TO TURN SOMETHING IN.
I MAY THINK MONEY IS THE ANSWER, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN HAND IN MORE CASH THAN YOUR FRIENDS WHO MANAGED TO SNAG SUPER RICH PEOPLE.

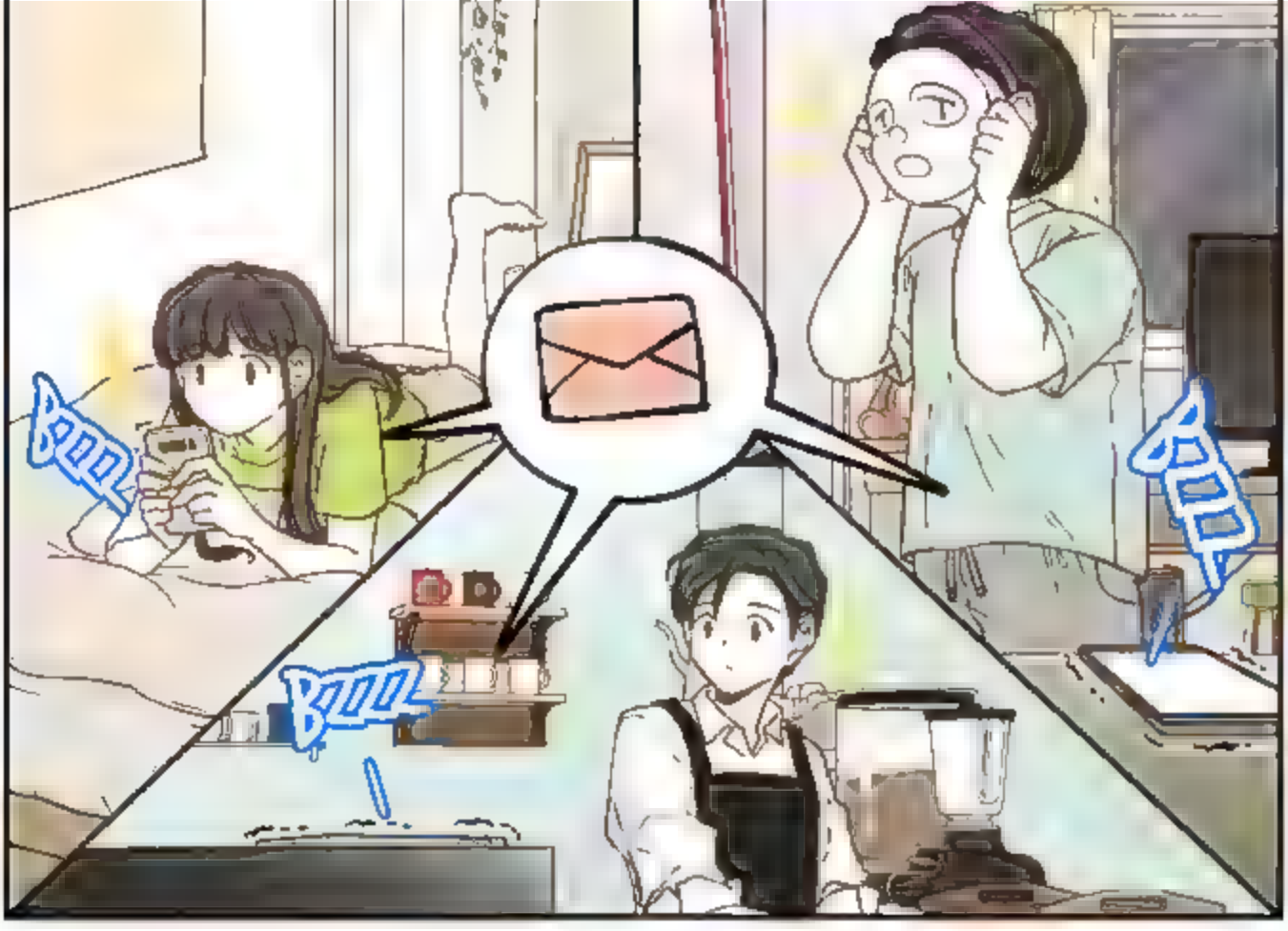

WE CAN'T BEAT THEM IF WE END UP TURNING IN THE SAME THING.
SO WE HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH.


THAT'S WHY YOUR ANSWER IS A BOOK? ISN'T THAT KINDA...
MUMBLE
MUMBLE

WHY? WHAT IS IT?
I-IT'S... A BIT CLICHE...

OH YEAH? THEN WHY DON'T YOU TRY COMING UP WITH SOMETHING?
...!
THEN HOW ABOUT ASKING OUR FRIENDS THAT WE MET YESTERDAY?
WHO? YOU MEAN HK AND YULIA?

WELL... OKAY, I GUESS A LITTLE RESEARCH WON'T HURT.
AND I'LL ASK MY CAFE BRO TOO...



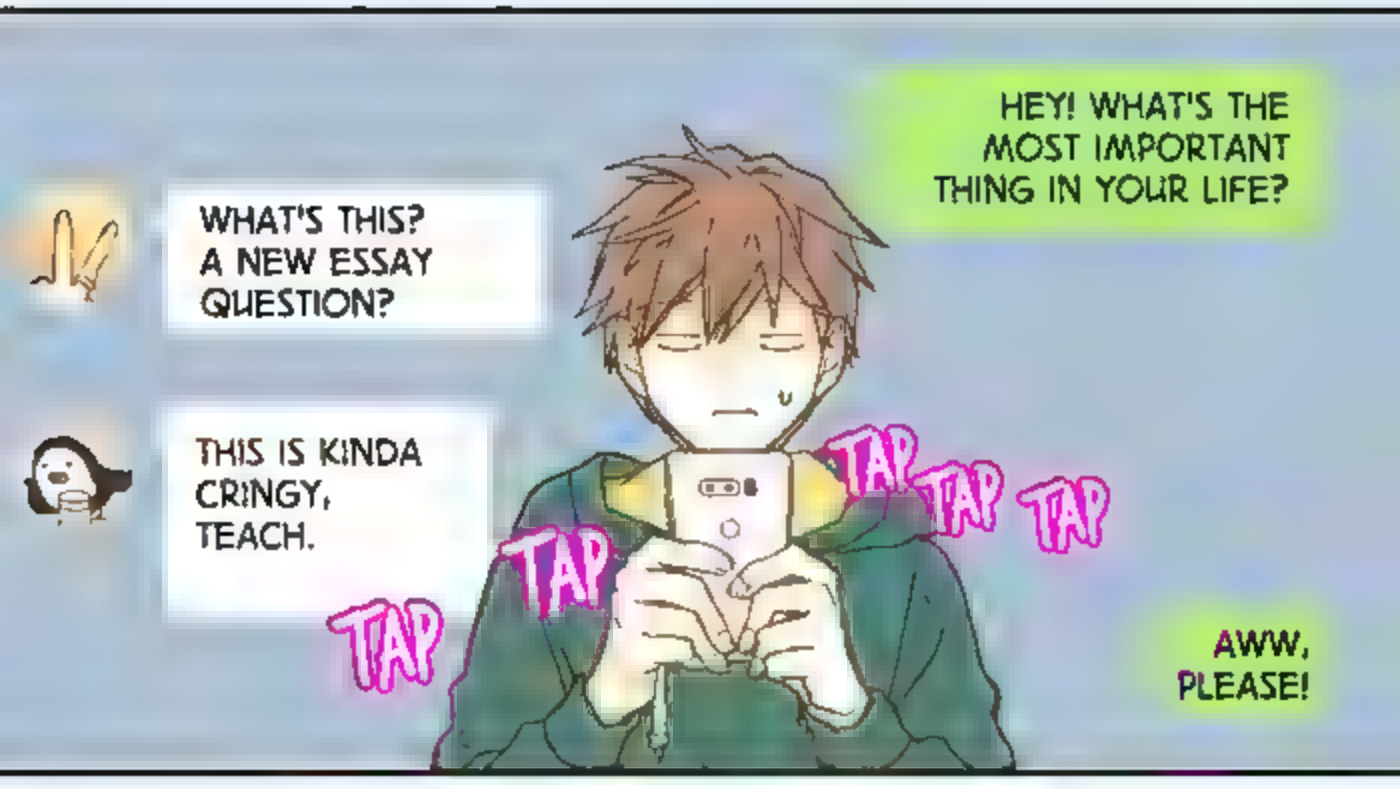
HEY, BRO. WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE?

?

ARE YOU DRUNK?

HMM...
MY CAFE?
MY GIRLFRIEND?

TAP
TAP
TAP


HEY! WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE?
WHAT'S THIS? A NEW ESSAY QUESTION?
THIS IS KINDA CRINGY, TEACH.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
AWW, PLEASE!

ALL THE AWARDS I'VE GOTTEN SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
MY PARENTS!
UH...
...

WOW, YOU JUST MADE ME SOUND SO BAD.
...THIS ISN'T VERY HELPFUL...

BUT THIS QUESTION IN ITSELF IS SO ABSTRACT.
EVERY SINGLE PERSON WOULD HAVE A DIFFERENT ANSWER.

THE ACTUAL ANSWER DOESN'T REALLY MATTER THEN...
...AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF GAB.

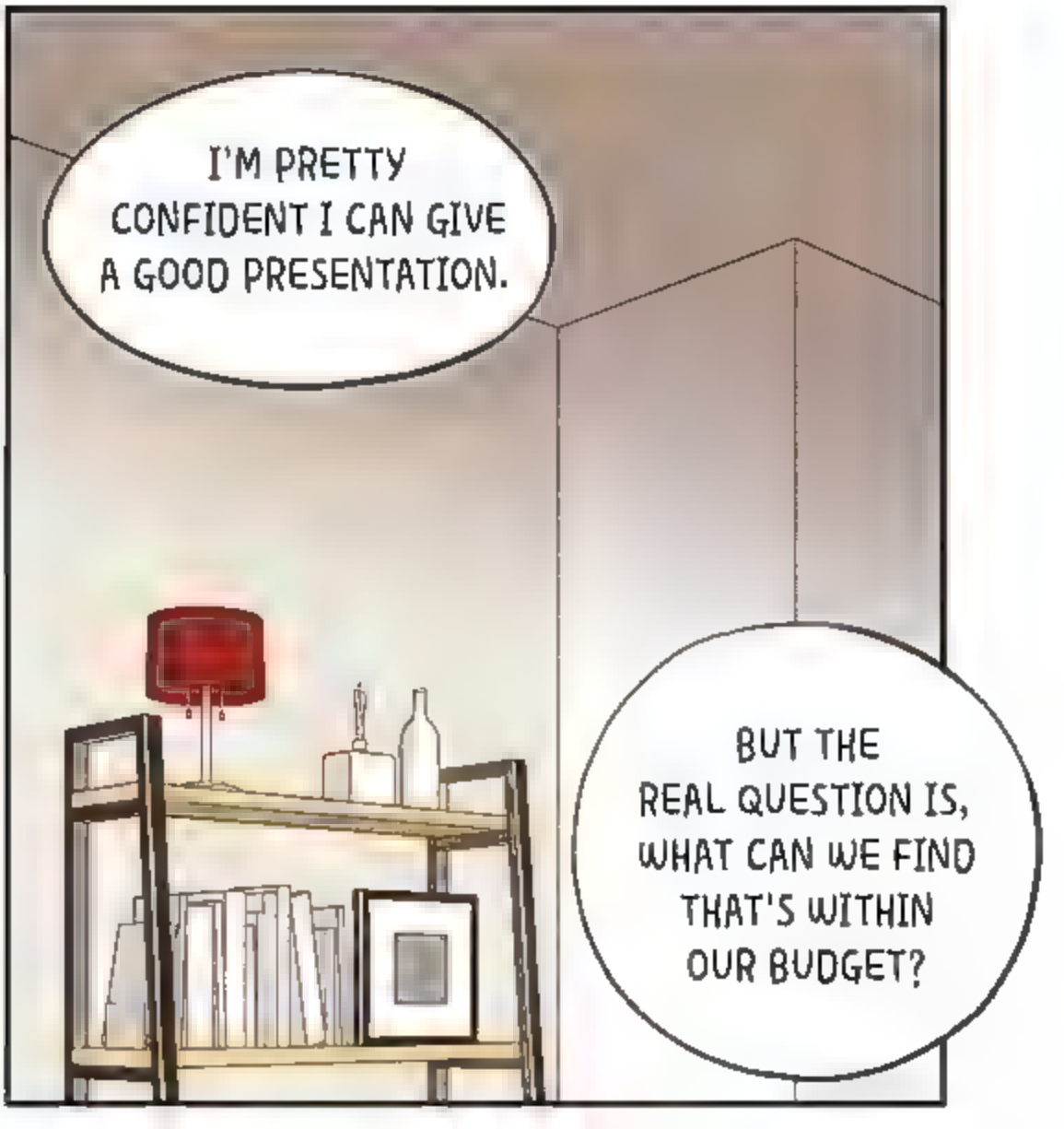
G-GIFT OF GAB?
Y'KNOW...

I WASN'T GONNA PLAY THIS CARD, BUT...

FIRST PLACE FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN THE NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION!
A-PLUSES ON ALL REPORTS!
WRITER OF THE BEST RESUMES THAT BROUGHT HIRING MANAGERS TO THEIR KNEES!

W-WAIT, WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IT SOUNDS SO COOL!
ME.


I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT I CAN GIVE A GOOD PRESENTATION.
BUT THE REAL QUESTION IS, WHAT CAN WE FIND THAT'S WITHIN OUR BUDGET?

WHAT IS OUR BUDGET?
100 BUCKS.
50000
O-ONE HUNDRED...?
THAT'S A LOT...!
NOPE!

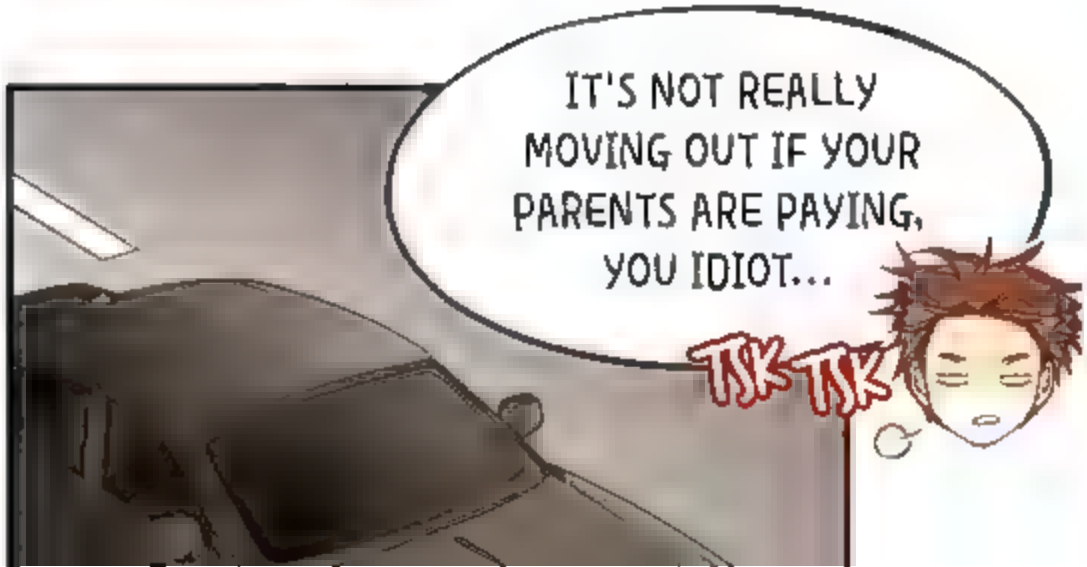
IT'S NOT MUCH.

WELL, WHAT CAN YOU GET WITH 100 BUCKS...?
THAT WOULD PROBABLY GET YOU...
A FEW SACKS OF RICE.
OH... IT'S NOT MUCH.

AWW...

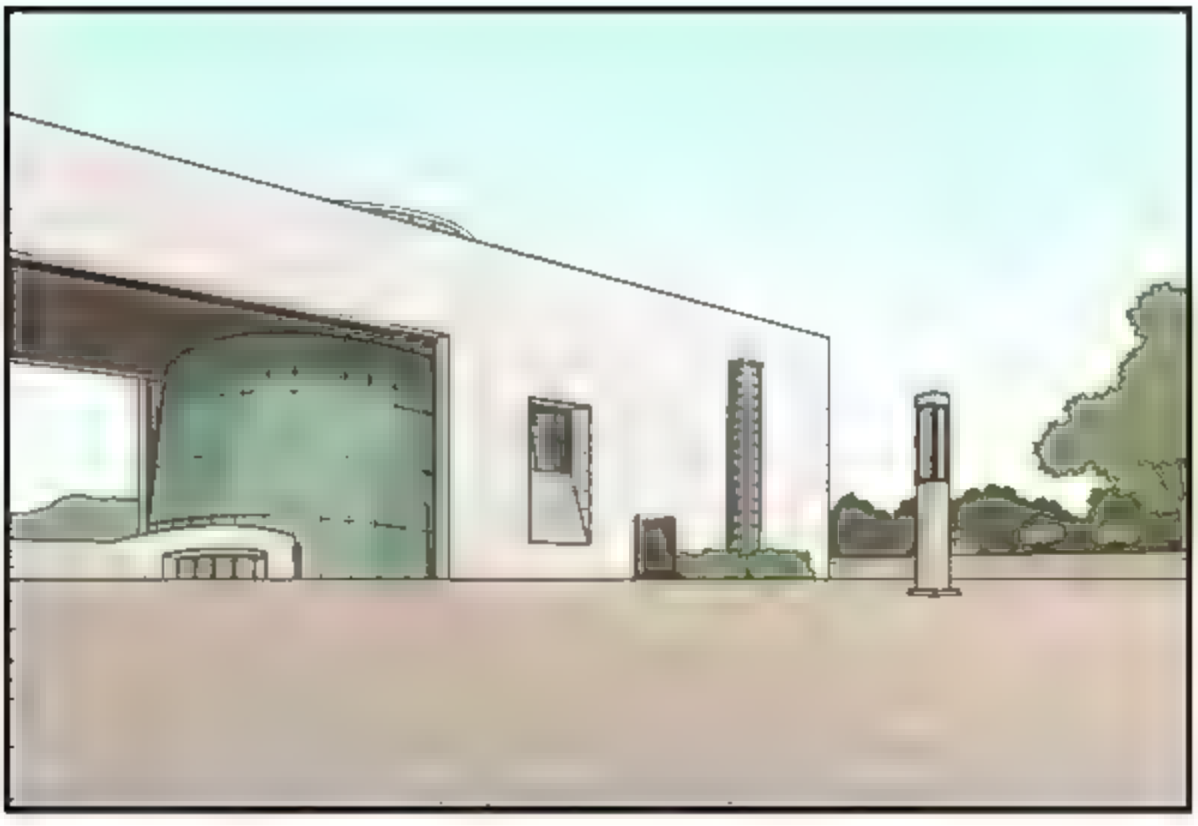
W-WHAT?!
A MILLION DOLLARS?

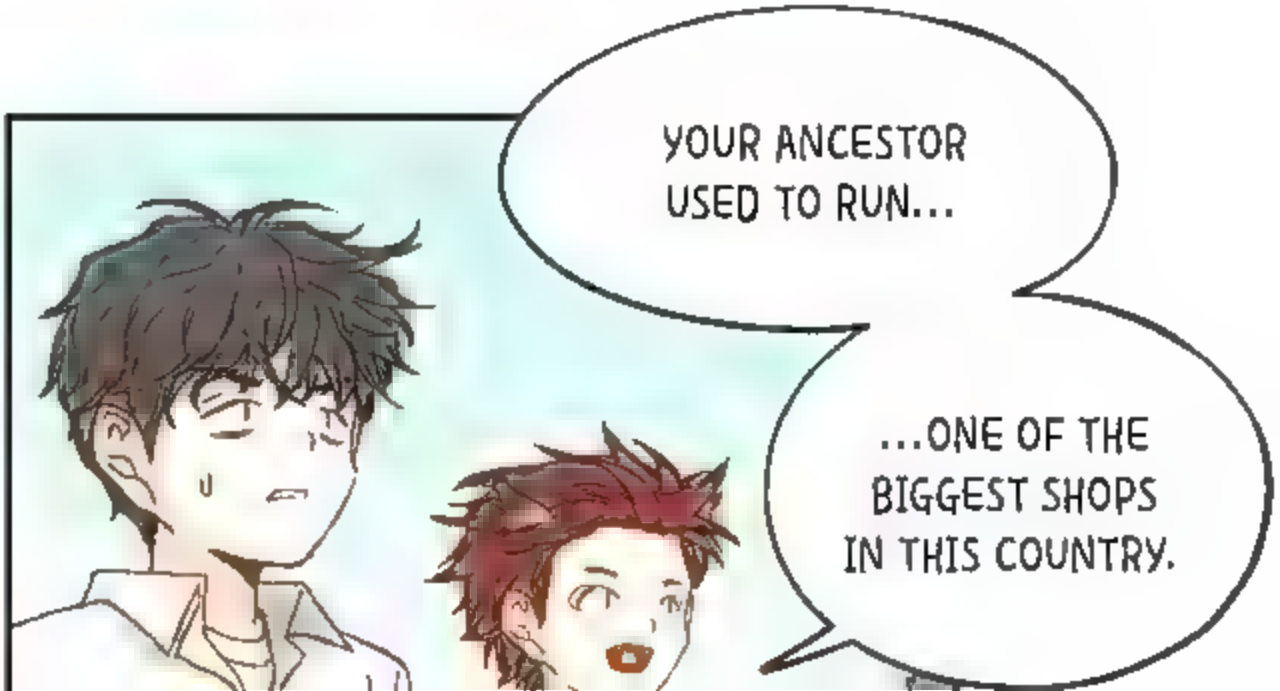
YEAH, YOUR GRANDPA SAID I COULD USE IT FOR WHATEVER I WANT.
THAT OLD FART...
I'VE BEEN ASKING HIM TO BUY ME AN APARTMENT SUITE SO I CAN MOVE OUT, BUT HE NEVER GOT IT FOR ME.


IT'S NOT REALLY MOVING OUT IF YOUR PARENTS ARE PAYING, YOU IDIOT...
TSK TSK

BRRR
...
GO TO HELL.
JUST TELL ME WHERE
WE'RE GOING.

WE'RE
GOING TO THE
PLACE THAT
HOLDS...
...THIS
COUNTRY'S
MOST VALUABLE
TREASURES.




YOUR ANCESTOR USED TO RUN...
...ONE OF THE BIGGEST SHOPS IN THIS COUNTRY.

A MUSEUM...?

WHICH MEANS THAT ALL KINDS OF VALUABLES PASSED THROUGH HIS HANDS.
HE EVENTUALLY DEVELOPED QUITE A DISCERNING EYE, AND HE ALWAYS HELD ONTO

THE BEST ITEMS THAT HE CAME ACROSS.

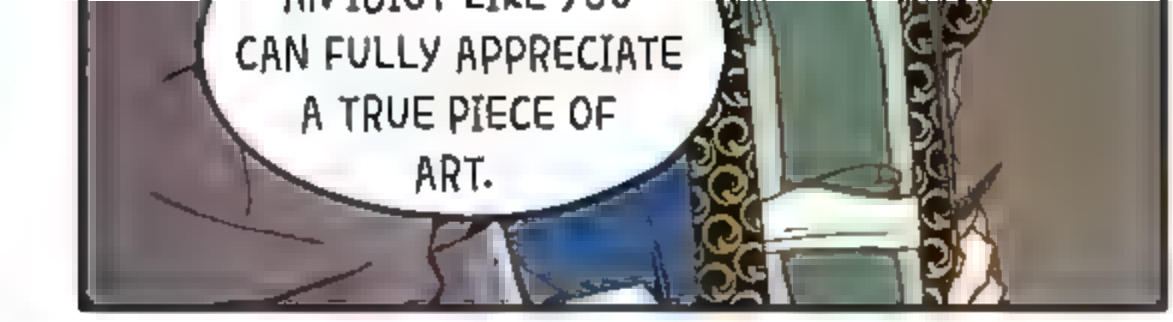
I REMEMBER THERE WERE A FEW PIECES THAT IMPRESSED ME BACK THEN...
STEP
STEP
AND ACCORDING TO MY SOURCES, THEY'RE ALL STILL HERE.

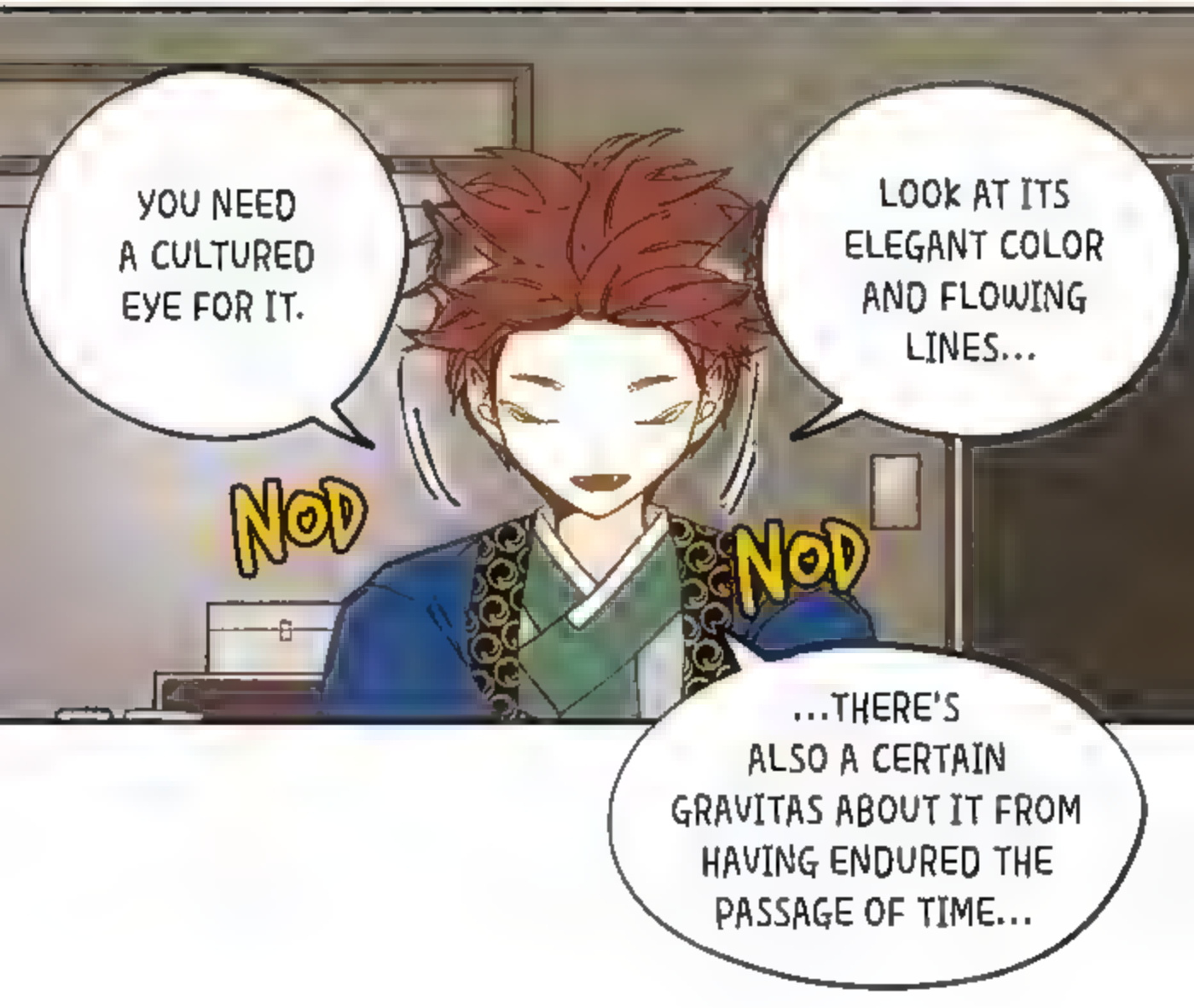
YES, THIS WAS THE BEST CERAMIC PIECE IN HIS COLLECTION.

EXCELLENT, NO?

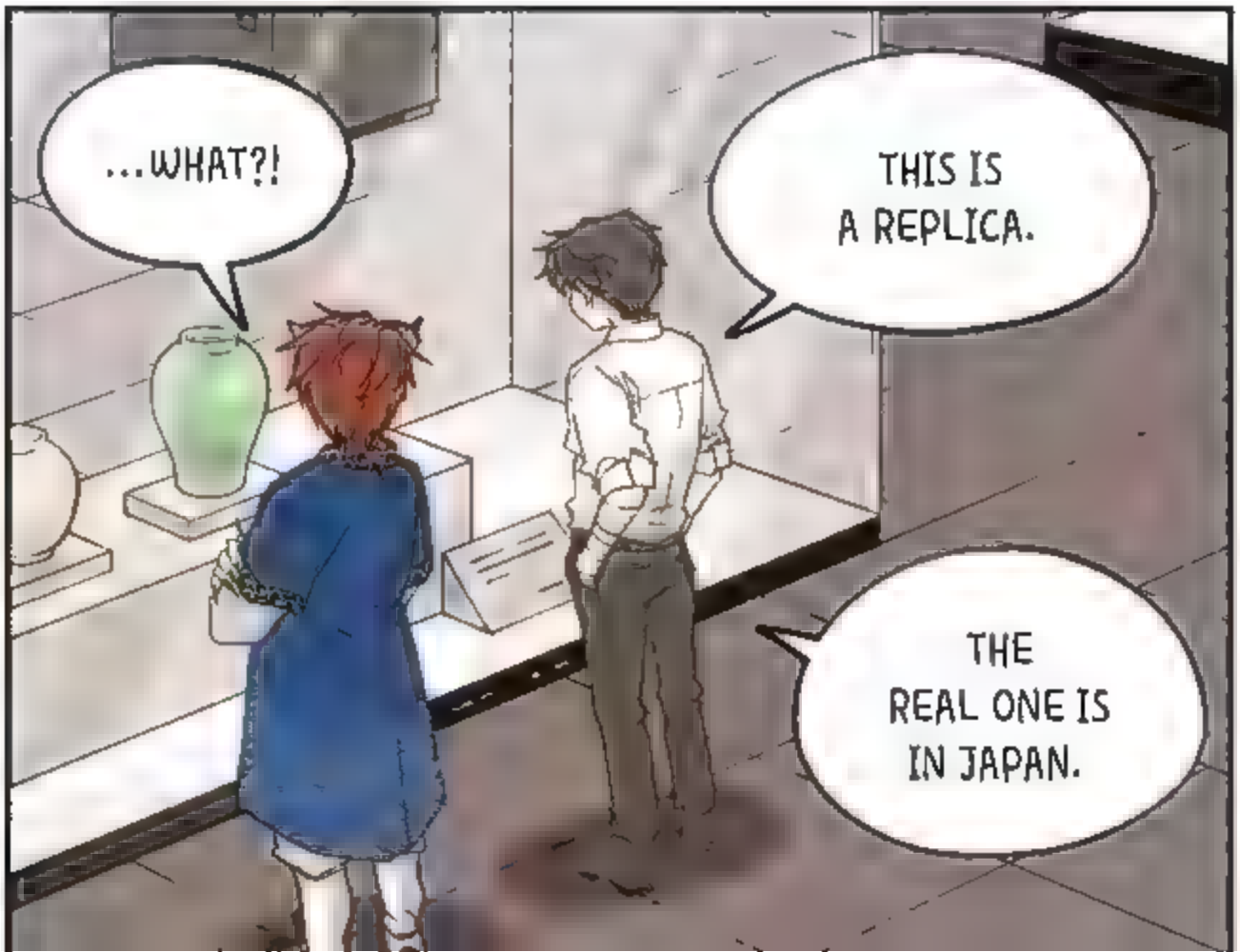
THIS IS PERFECT FOR THE ASSIGNMENT, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
...

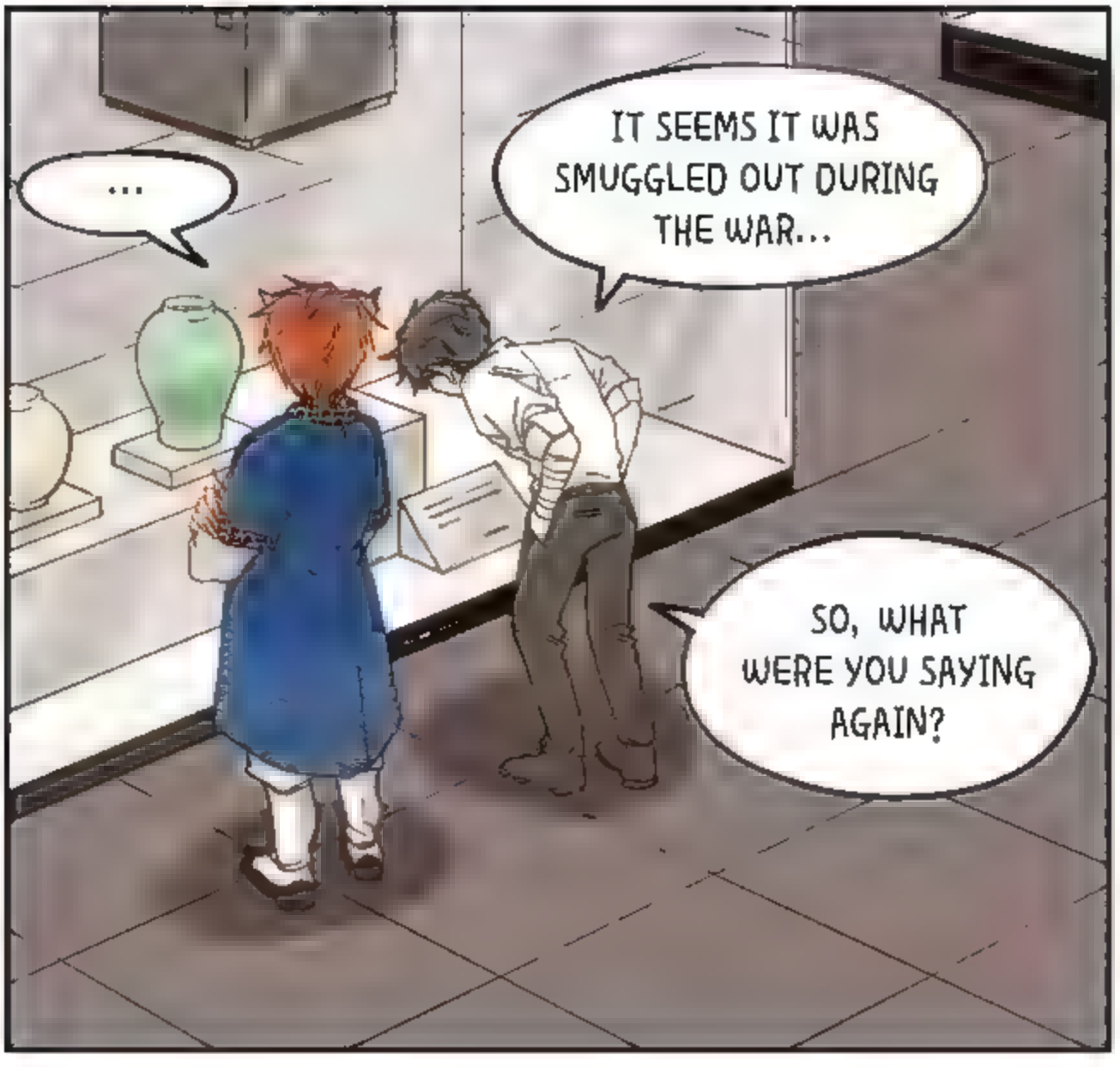
BUT THEN AGAIN...
...
...I DOUBT


CAN FULLY APPRECIATE
A TRUE PIECE OF
ART.


YOU NEED
A CULTURED
EYE FOR IT.
NOD
LOOK AT ITS
ELEGANT COLOR
AND FLOWING
LINES...
NOD
...THERE'S
ALSO A CERTAIN
GRAVITAS ABOUT IT FROM
HAVING ENDURED THE
PASSAGE OF TIME...

THIS IS A FAKE.
YES, A FAKE--
NOD


...WHAT?!
THIS IS A REPLICA.
THE REAL ONE IS IN JAPAN.


...
IT SEEMS IT WAS SMUGGLED OUT DURING THE WAR...
SO, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING AGAIN?

ENDURED THE PASSAGE OF TIME...?
PFFT
HAHAHA!
...
SOMETHING ABOUT GRAVITAS?!
WHO'S THE IDIOT NOW?
HAHAHA

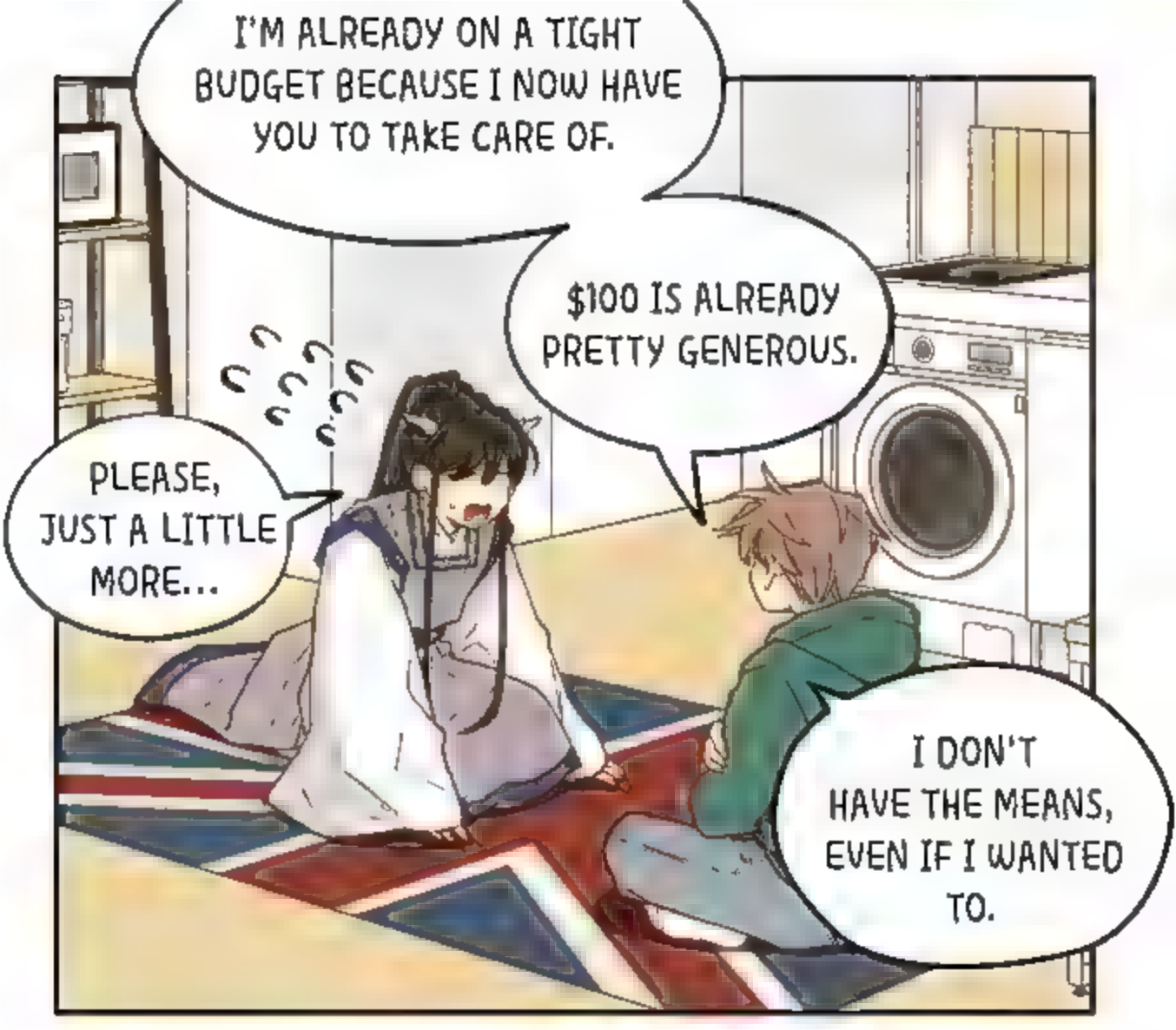
SHUT UP!
OW!
GRAB
WILL YOU QUIT IT, PSYCHO?!
HEY, YOU WERE THE ONE GOT ALL EXCITED, WHY ARE YOU TAKING IT OUT ON ME?

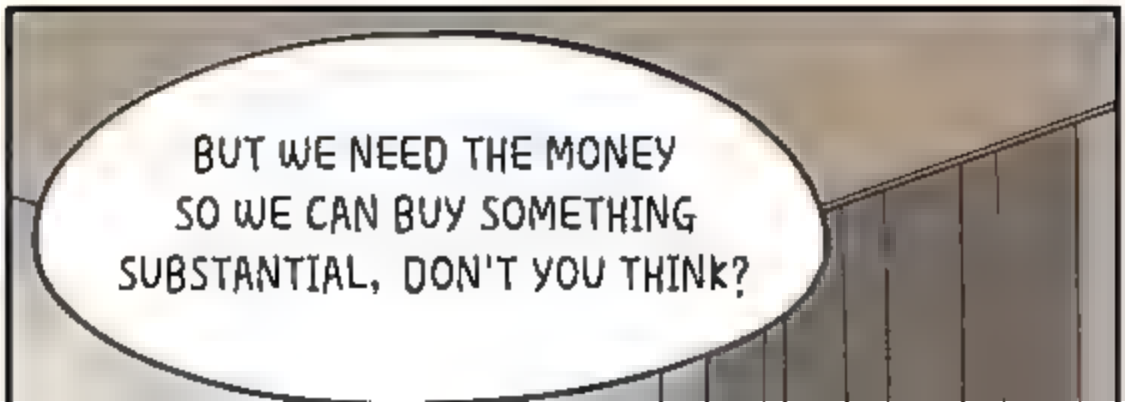
URGH... I CAN'T... BREATHE...
GURGLE
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?

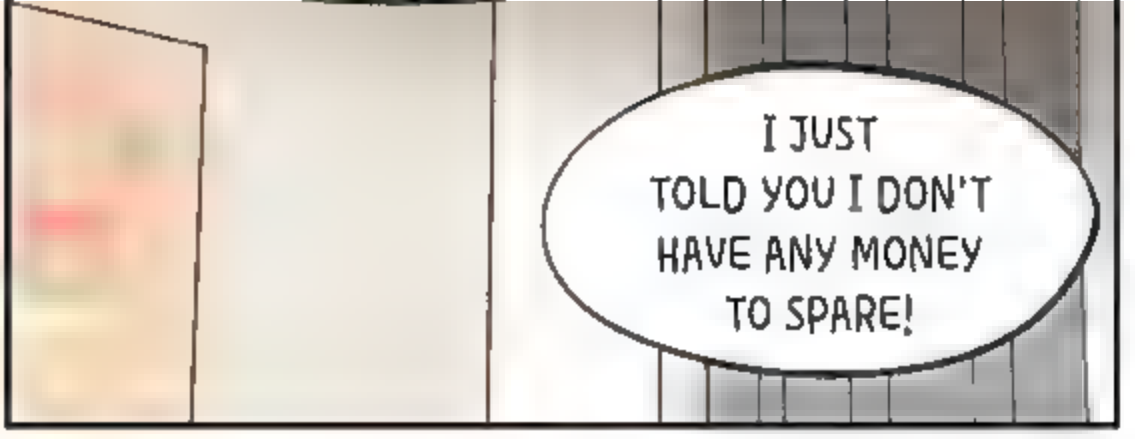
LEAVE, NOW!

PLEASE!
CAN WE ADD JUST ANOTHER $100 TO THE BUDGET?

DO YOU THINK MONEY GROWS ON TREES?
NO WAY.


I'M ALREADY ON A TIGHT BUDGET BECAUSE I NOW HAVE YOU TO TAKE CARE OF.
$100 IS ALREADY PRETTY GENEROUS.
PLEASE, JUST A LITTLE MORE...
I DON'T HAVE THE MEANS, EVEN IF I WANTED TO.


BUT WE NEED THE MONEY SO WE CAN BUY SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL, DON'T YOU THINK?


I JUST TOLD YOU I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO SPARE!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO LIVE IN SEOUL, EVEN IN A TINY STUDIO LIKE THIS ONE?
ARGH!
EVEN BREATHING COSTS MONEY!

I THOUGHT I JUST HAD TO HELP YOU WITH THE EXAM, BUT NOW I HAVE TO SPEND MONEY ON YOU?
NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED, THAT'S FOR SURE.

UM...
THEN...

HOW'S THIS?
...I'LL GO MAKE MONEY!

WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
BA-DUMP